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Maj. David Holmes is reunited on the dockyard with his son, Jayson, 3, after returning on HMCS Charlottetown in Halifax on Tuesday following a nine-month deployment. Story, page 4. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Carving up the stage

Sweeney Todd kicking off
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Sinkhole shuts part of street

Another depression seen on
Cornwallis PAGE 6

It's the end of an era — officially

City hall. Peter Kelly will
not run in next month's
municipal election

Mayor Peter Kelly has ended a
months-long game of will-he-
or-won't-he by confirming that
he won't.

Kelly told a crowd of wait-
ing — and betting — reporters
at city hall Tuesday afternoon
that he will not run for mayor
or regional council in the Oct.
20 municipal election.

"It's been a difficult deci-
sion," he said. "Over the last
few months, the calls to reconsi-
der have been there. But at
the end of the day, you have to
do what's best for the munici-
pality and what is best for me
and my family."

Kelly says he agonized over
the decision, taking many "late-
night walks" before deciding
on Tuesday not to run again.

He says he vacillated often,
sometimes swayed by polling
that indicated a council seat
or fourth term as mayor was
within reach.

"I did not do any polling, but

others have done so," he said.
"Supposedly, the indications
were good in terms of other in-
dependent polls."

Kelly says it would have
been difficult to mount a con-
ventional campaign at this
point.

Coun. Tim Outhit, the in-
cumbent in District 16 (Bed-
ford) where the mayor had
been rumoured to be running,

was caught off guard by Kel-
ly's decision.

"I'm sur-
prised," he
said. "He still
has tremen-
dous support
in parts of
Bedford and
parts of HRM
and I was ex-

pecting that he might make a
last-minute comeback."

The unofficial candidates'
list is now available at hali-
fax.ca/election. It includes six
people running for mayor,
among them three new con-
tenders: Aaron Eisses, Steve
Mackie and Robert (Wesley) Mc-
Cormack. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**



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HRP finds its next police chief just down the hall

The switch. Current Halifax RCMP boss to take over from Frank Beazley on Oct. 10



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A 25-year veteran of the RCMP has been named the new chief of Halifax Regional Police.

Halifax regional council approved the appointment of Jean-Michel Blais on Tuesday afternoon, wrapping up the hunt for a successor to Chief Frank Beazley.

"I'm very, very excited, very pleased," said Blais. "This is probably the most significant promotion of my career, and yet, I'll be moving my personal effects 10 feet into Frank Beazley's office."

Blais says he's lived in cities across Canada and moved to Halifax two years ago to take the position of chief superintendent of the Halifax District RCMP.

He says he jumped at the

Resumé highlights

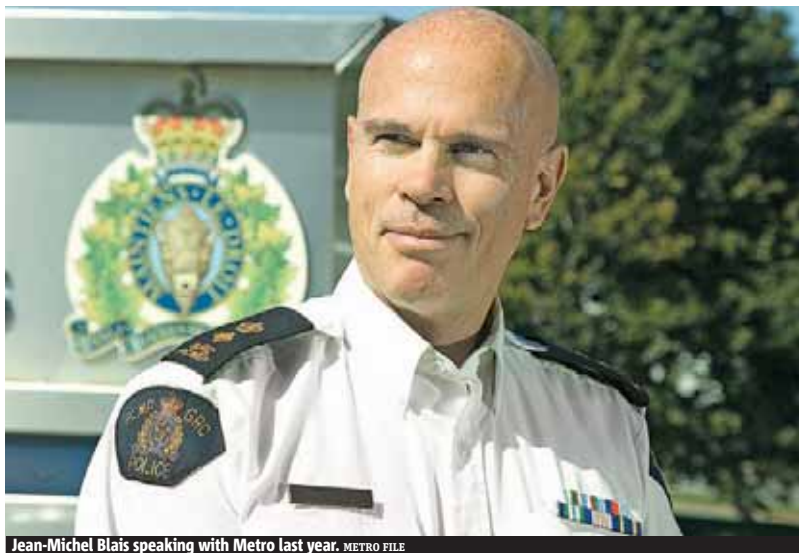
- Holds law degree and BA with focus on economics and political science.
- Served three missions in Haiti while seconded to the United Nations.
- Will receive Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal on Sept. 24.

chance to stay in Halifax and tackle the new challenges that come with regional policing.

"I'm really an inside outsider, in the sense that I've been here over a year and I've been closely aligned with the operations ... of HRP," he said.

Blais says he plans to build on Beazley's grassroots approach to tackling the root causes of crime, developing ties with community groups and residents — and supplementing those efforts with an increased focus on "intelligence-led policing."

"It's the facts and figures that are going to be driving our



Jean-Michel Blais speaking with Metro last year. METRO FILE

policing decisions, providing us with predictive analysis," he said. "That will help us determine where crimes are occurring, when they're occurring, and how we can intercept and disrupt those crimes."

Blais says Halifax, like most major Canadian cities, is grappling with a violent crime problem — but he says he considers it a "safe" place to live.

"It's like everything else, we have to be vigilant, but we

can't fall into the trap of being paranoid," he said. "When you look at the number of actual crimes that are committed and how they're committed, you'll see it's indeed a very safe and a beautiful city."

Community shaken up after shooting



Downey Road in North Preston, the scene of Monday's shooting.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

A shooting in North Preston on Monday evening has left some people in the neighbourhood worried.

"It's terrible," said a woman walking a dog with her granddaughters on Downey Road on Tuesday afternoon.

"I've lived here all my life. My kids are all grown, but I have these girls. It doesn't make me feel good."

At about 6 p.m. Monday, an 18-year-old man was shot multiple times on Downey Road.

A short time later, paramedics met a vehicle taking the victim to hospital at the intersection of Lake Major Road and

Finding answers

"It's up to investigators, hopefully with help from the community, to find out why this young man was shot."

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae

Highway 7.

He was then rushed to hospital, where he remains in serious, but stable condition, Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said.

The police are calling on

anyone with information about the shooting to come forward.

"Definitely community involvement is very important in policing," MacRae said. "Sometimes you just get pointed in the right direction."

Downey Road has been the site of gun violence once already this summer.

In late July, 23-year-old Narico Downey died of a single gunshot wound on the same street. MacRae said it is too early to tell if there could be a connection between the incidents.

There have been no arrests in Downey's murder.

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Families reunite with loved ones in emotional homecoming

Anti-terrorism operations. HMCS Charlottetown back in Halifax after almost a year at sea

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A little boy with a blue baseball cap jumps up and down, trying to see the battleship behind the adults blocking his view.

"He's right there, do you see him?" asks a woman holding a baby beside him.

On the deck of the HMCS Charlottetown, 250 crewmembers wave and smile to their families and friends on the dock as the crowd cheers while shaking mini Canadian flags in the air.

The Candian navy ship returned home Tuesday after almost nine months abroad, having completed anti-terrorism operations in the Mediterranean and Arabian seas.

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, Daryl Stewart was waiting with his mother-in-law to watch his wife, Ashley, walk off the boat.

He hadn't seen her since they met for a few days in April, when the crew stopped in France. Stewart said the ability to travel almost makes the distance worthwhile.

"But it's still a long time," Stewart said. "I just

miss having that one person I do everything with... She's my best friend, the person you can tell anything to."

Stewart said it's obviously very hard when couples are apart for so long, but sometimes distance can be a positive thing.

"It develops a certain trust that other people may never (have)," he said.

Petty officer Frederick Smysniuk was one of the first off the boat, and was greeted by his three children, aged 11 and twin eight-year-olds.

All three held neon signs reading "Welcome home Dad."

"The kids miss him all the time, there's no getting around that," said Sara, his wife of 13 years.

"He's the light of the family. He's just the one that makes us complete."

Sara Smysniuk said her husband hasn't been on a long journey like this one for awhile, but is usually back and forth a few months at a time.

"The first month is always hard, but then we settle into a routine," she said.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay was also there to congratulate the crew on a job well done, and the families left behind who were "keeping things together on home soil."

In May, the ship intercepted an illegal shipment of hashish, which the commander said was linked to terrorist groups.



Master Cpl. Rob House is united with his daughters, five-year-old Olivia, left, and two-year-old Lauren at the Halifax Dockyards on Tuesday morning. HMCS Charlottetown returned home after a nine-month deployment in the Arabian Sea. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Unexpected fiancé

Crewman proposes at shipyard

The HMCS Charlottetown brought fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, and husbands and

wives home to Halifax on Tuesday — and for Jamie MacLean, an unexpected fiancé.

"I was completely shocked," said MacLean, when her boyfriend of two years, leading seaman Brent Hillier, proposed to her on the wharf. Hillier

had been carrying the ring around for a while, but said he decided to pop the question only 30 seconds before he came ashore, when he saw MacLean standing on the jetty.

She said yes, and jumped into his arms for a kiss.

"I was shaking even before this," MacLean said, adding she wasn't expecting Hillier to ask her at that moment.

The couple live in Clayton Park together. Hillier was raised in the village of Campbellton, N.L., and MacLean is from Halifax.

Homeward bound

"Relief and excitement and loving. We just can't wait for him to be home."

Sara Smysniuk as she watched her husband aboard the approaching HMCS Charlottetown Tuesday

University administrators see big bumps in pay: Report

While students in Nova Scotia struggle with university costs, the salaries of university senior administrators have risen significantly in recent years, new figures show.

A report released by the Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers on Tuesday revealed that eight universities in Nova Scotia spent \$16.4 million on salaries for presidents, vice-presidents, associate and assistant vice-presidents, deans and directors since 2004.

It is an increase of 27 per cent in that span.

Figures

- From 2004 to 2011 Acadia paid \$907,627 to former presidents in administrative leave while paying \$1,476,882 to current presidents.
- Administrator salary costs at NSCAD increased 53 per cent from 2004 to 2011. At St. FX these costs increased by 77 per cent in the same period.

"The compensation for university administrators has increased far more than the staff and faculty," said Chris Ferns, ANSUT president and Mount Saint Vincent University professor. "In some cases quite astonishing increases."

The report outlines the senior administrators salaries, bonuses, severance and other monetary benefits from 2004-05 to 2010-11 at Acadia, the Atlantic School of Theology, Cape Breton University, Mount Saint Vincent, Nova Scotia Commu-

nity of Art and Design, St. Francis Xavier, Saint Mary's and Universite Sainte Anne.

The message the ANSUT was getting from universities is that times are tough and there's not enough to go around, Fern said.

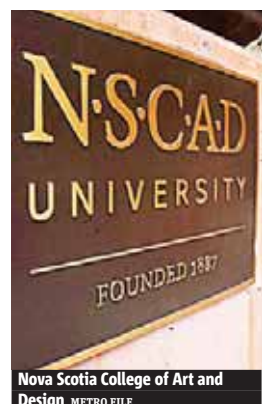
"Certainly the students are paying more and the trend regarding compensation for faculty and staff has been going down," he said. "So we wanted to see if the pain was shared by the senior administration."

The report also pointed out where university administrators were receiving other compensation. One

example was the president of Saint Mary's being paid \$35,700 in 2010-11 for teaching in addition to his salary and housing and car allowances.

The report will be sent to the department of education where the ANSUT hopes a new legislation regarding the regulations of university expenses.

This would include limiting the portion of the university budget that can go to senior administration and establishing a common set of reporting mechanisms for university expenses. **ANDREW CALEY/METRO**





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Otter Lake Landfill. Cell closure won't cause a stink this year, council is told

A city official says neighbours of the Otter Lake Landfill shouldn't have any problems with bad smells this year when work begins to close one of the landfill cells.

Problems with the partial closure of Cell 5 last year led to a dramatic increase in odour complaints last fall, and eventually to a legal battle between the Community Monitoring Committee and the CAO's office.

Solid waste resources manager Gord Helm told council on Tuesday, workers had problems accessing materials and equipment last year that delayed the work, letting the stench of garbage escape.

"Last year, the drill to implement extraction wells wasn't available when we needed it, and we had an ad hoc process in place," he said. "This year we have a proper drilling system, so that should significantly reduce

By the numbers

\$7.1M

The estimated total cost of capping the cell is \$7.1 million.

the potential for odours."

In addition, Helm said the weather has co-operated, noting more than 330 mm of rain fell in Oct. 2011 — three times the normal average.

Council approved an increase of more than \$3.2 million in the budget for the capping work to allow the process to be completed ahead of schedule.

A staff report says a review of time lines with the landfill operator shows the final closure work can be completed by Dec. 2012, which will help ensure "maximum gas control and odour protection."

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

HRM. Head of African Nova Scotian Affairs office named

Sylvia Parris has been named as the first manager of HRM's African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office.

Parris' duties will include establishing the requirements, responsibilities and overall direction to HRM that will support African Nova Scotian communities across the region, a release states.

"It's an honour to be working with HRM leadership as they move forward with establishing the structural framework that will enhance the relationships with the African Nova Scotian communities," said Parris in a press release issued Tuesday.

Parris has served on the HRM Community and Race

Background

- A February 2010 agreement reached between HRM and the Africville Genealogy Society included establishing an African Nova Scotian Affairs function within HRM.

Relations Advisory Committee and is on the executive of the Black Business Community Investment Fund Board of Directors.

She is currently president of the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

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Halifax

Police catch 62 impaired drivers during August

Halifax police released impaired driving numbers for August on Tuesday, saying they caught a total of 62 such drivers during the month. Of those, 52 were male and 10 were female, and the age range was between 18 and 70.

About 40 per cent of the drivers were caught drinking and driving thanks to tips from members of the public. METRO

Thursday ceremony

King's welcomes new president

Dr. George Cooper will be installed as the new president and vice-chancellor of the University of King's College this week.

Cooper is the 24th president of King's. He was appointed for a two-year interim period in July. He cited the school's lack of resources as his biggest challenge.

The installation takes place on Thursday 3:30 p.m. in Prince Hall.

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Members of Halifax Water inspect a sinkhole that opened up on Cornwallis Street near Barrington Street just before noon on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Large sinkhole closes part of Cornwallis Street

Vehicle damaged.
Officials still unclear what caused this latest depression in road



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The bottom part of Cornwallis Street was blocked off to traffic for most of Tuesday afternoon after a large sinkhole formed near the site of one that occurred just last week.

The newest sinkhole — which was two-by-three metres in size — was located at the bottom of Cornwallis, as you turn right heading

into the downtown from Barrington Street.

Police were called to the scene at about 11:45 a.m. after a vehicle was damaged after driving over the large depression, Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmetter said.

Last Wednesday, some traffic lanes were closed at the Barrington, Cornwallis and Upper Water Street intersection after the municipality warned motorists about another "sinkhole forming" in the road.

That sinkhole was a two-foot depression in the asphalt that broke a sewer line underneath the street.

"It's uncommon, but we're trying to determine

what's happened," Halifax Water spokesman James Campbell said of two sinkholes occurring within six days in the same vicinity. "Heritage Gas has done some work there in the past, and we're trying to determine if there's any connection there. There might not be, but there might be."

Workers from Heritage Gas and Halifax Water were both on scene Tuesday. Heritage Gas repaired the hole because a gas line of theirs could be seen inside.

Jim Bracken, president of Heritage Gas Limited, says there was no gas leak from the sinkhole, and the pipe didn't appear to be damaged.

He could only speculate

Road reopened

- Cornwallis Street was reopened to traffic at about 5:30 p.m.

as to what the cause of this latest sinkhole might be.

Campbell said they ran an underground video line from Brunswick, down Cornwallis to Barrington on Tuesday to see if Monday's heavy rains caused any impact or damage to the lines. He said nothing was noticed.

"Apparently, it's intact, so that's all good," Campbell said, adding that more video-line work will happen on Wednesday.

Opening of Metro Transit bridge terminal now delayed until Oct. 1

The official opening of the highly-anticipated new Metro Transit bridge terminal has been delayed yet again.

The new \$14.7-million facility was first scheduled to open on Aug. 27, but was pushed back to Sept. 17 because HRM said the interior needed some finishing touches.

On Tuesday, HRM an-

nounced a second delay, pushing the opening back to Oct. 1. The reason for this delay, according to a HRM release, is to complete the accessible pedestrian bridge, along with outstanding interior details. They also want to make sure all permits are in place and that the terminal is properly commissioned.

"A second delay is regrettable and we apologize for any inconvenience to Metro Transit customers who have been patiently waiting for this improved facility," Metro Transit director Eddie Robar said in a release.

"We know this terminal will be worth the wait."

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Owners begin cleanup process in Truro

Thinking back to Monday, Tim Devouge can't help but laugh.

"I wasn't laughing at the time, but I can now," said Devouge, manager of Truro's Shine Factory that saw two feet of water inside the business thanks to more than 100 millimetres of rain Monday from post-tropical storm Leslie.

Cleanup at the business, which also includes Race Auto Group, was at a standstill Tuesday morning while

Previous floods

Living in the home since 1975, Truro resident Brenda Tynes said she can remember three other severe floods: 1998, 2003 and last November.

Devouge waited on insurance adjusters.

"When I look at it today, it's hard to believe that much

water comes in and goes out so easily. It really rose, really fast. In about an hour-and-a-half, we were in water up to our knees."

Devouge said he arrived at work Monday at 9 a.m. and noticed water at the back of the property.

"If you can imagine having close to 70 cars to move and you have to find keys to them all, especially when they're supposed to be hanging on a board nice and neat. There were five of us scrambling

around with pockets full of keys, while at the same time trying to move all our equipment."

In the end, 62 vehicles were parked safely across the street in the Truro Mall parking lot. Three vehicles didn't make it.

"We just ran out of time."

While Devouge isn't sure his insurance will cover the flood damage, he said the business will still clean up and do it all again.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

High winds from Leslie uproot trees, tear off roofs

Wide path. Storm dumped heavy rains on Nova Scotia Monday

Post-tropical storm Leslie hammered Newfoundland on Tuesday with hurricane-force winds in St. John's that tore apart roofs, stripped off siding, toppled trees and snapped power lines as it doused the island's west coast with rain.

Utility workers around the province scrambled to reconnect electricity to thousands of homes and police urged residents to stay indoors to

avoid flying tree branches and other debris as well as speed cleanup of local roads. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

Officials with the Canadian Hurricane Centre in Halifax said the centre of the storm made landfall at around 8:30 a.m. local time in Fortune, N.L., following its anticipated track across the Burin Peninsula.

Meteorologist Bob Robichaud said Leslie blew through St. John's with winds that gusted more than 130 km/h, causing widespread power outages.

The centre initially said Leslie was a tropical storm when it made landfall, but later said it was a post-tropical storm. The designation means the strongest winds and heaviest rain spread out past the eye of the system.

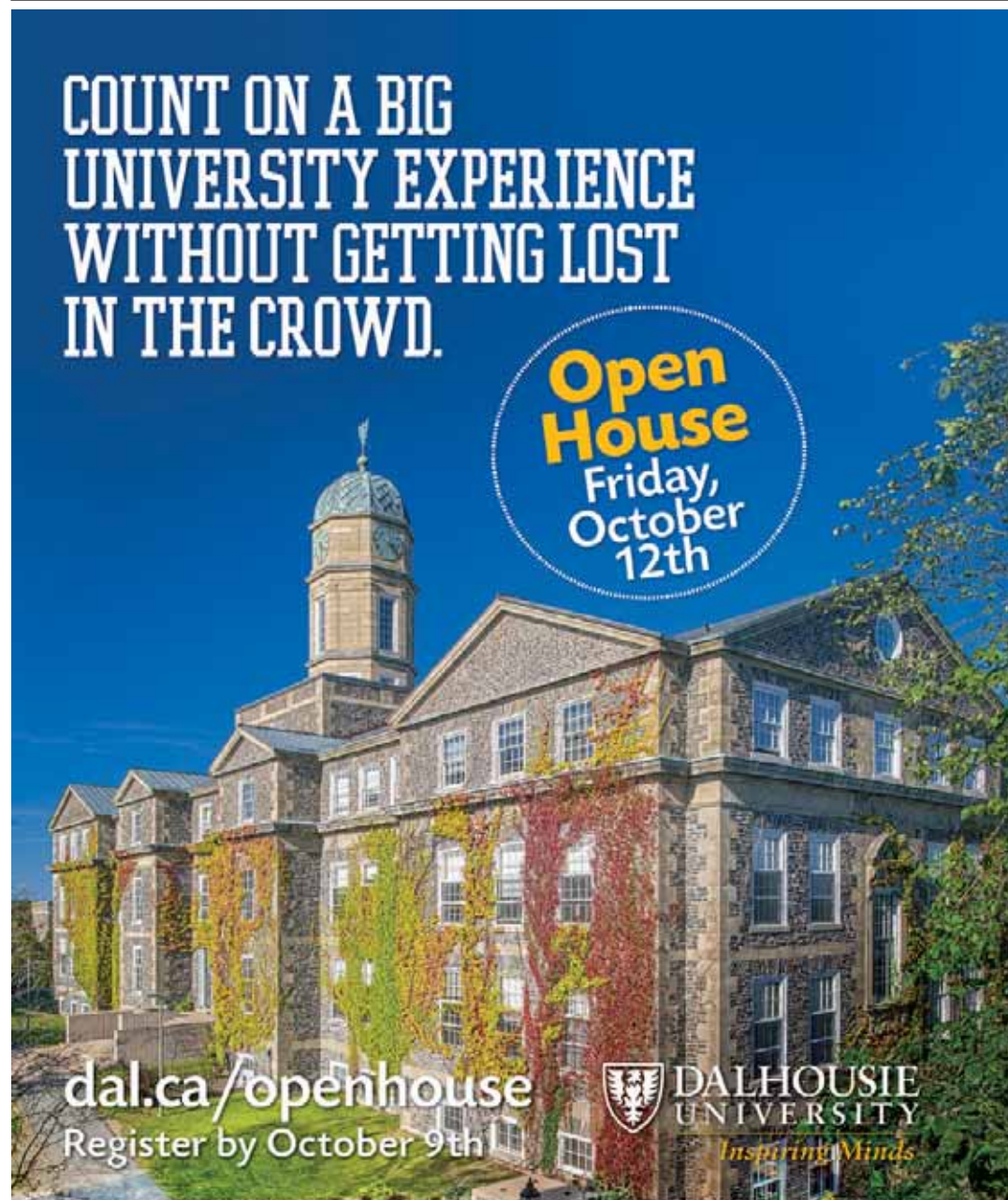
There were hurricane-force gusts of up to 132 km/h at the St. John's International Airport, and a buoy in Placentia Bay recorded waves exceeding 12 metres.

Schools were closed across the island and Marine Atlantic ferry crossings were cancelled along with flights to and from the St. John's airport. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toughing it out

"We're used to weather like this. At least a couple of times a year we get big storms. This is par for the course, being a Newfoundlander. We're tough."

Steve Pierrey, a building maintenance worker originally from Fortune, N.L., who was working at St. John's airport in 2010 when hurricane Igor hit with winds gusting at 150 km/h.



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'I think we all have a fascination with the gruesome'

Musical. Sweeney Todd to kick off new Neptune season with thrilling, musical drama

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Need a shave?

Neptune Theatre is celebrating its 50th anniversary season by opening with the musical thriller Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.

The play about a maniacal barber seeking revenge opens Friday.

It is a combination of a fantastic musical and a thrilling drama for all theater-goers and that is exactly why it was chosen to open the milestone season at Neptune, said the theatre artistic director George Pothios.

"I wanted to bring together audiences who

love musicals and audiences who love drama," said Pothios, who is also the play's director. "So I tried to find something that encompasses both in a highly theatrical setting."

The story was very appealing, Pothios added.

"I think we all have a fascination with the gruesome. It's a story of a need for vengeance, love and justice and these topics are so universal."

Due to its complexity, the musical aspect of Sweeney Todd was the most important and difficult but rewarding element of the production, he said.

"The music, it transcends time," Pothios said Tuesday during its media launch.

"Everything is done in such a cinematic way so the elements really have to flow together. The challenge was to make a fluid production."

Ottawa's Shelley Simester, who portrays Mrs. Lovett, the pie shop owner with a dark secret, said she was drawn to the

It's show time!

- Sweeney Todd runs from Friday through Oct. 7. Visit neptunetheatre.com for ticket information.

challenging role.

"The subject matter is unique and it's a masterpiece. Every song I sing has 17 verses and not one has the same form as the one before it," she said.

"There is a tone of memor-

ization. Lovett has some passages that are uniquely crazy challenging."

Despite the challenge Simester and Pothios are both looking forward to the curtain rising and getting in front of the audience.

"The first time we actually go in front of an audience can be a terrifying element," said Pothios. "We rehearse like mad then all of a sudden we are in front of an audience. But at the end of the day it's beautiful."



A scene from Sweeney Todd during a rehearsal at Neptune Theatre on Tuesday. ANDREW CALEY/FOR METRO

Bluenose II, Nova Scotia's famed schooner, to relaunch this month

The Bluenose II will relaunch in Nova Scotia later this month following a two-year restoration of the famed schooner.

The province's Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage says the vessel will be lowered into the water in Lunenburg from a 1,200-tonne marine railway on Sept. 29.

It will be towed beside the Fisheries Museum during an all-day celebration.

The provincial government had hoped to have the sailboat back in the water in the summer, but it required more work.

The government said it is

Cost

The cost of restoration for the Bluenose II is \$15.9 million. The federal government will cover \$4.9 million; the province, the rest.

expected to be ready for public sailing next summer. The Bluenose II, launched in 1963, is a replica of the original Bluenose, a Grand Banks fishing schooner that won worldwide acclaim for its graceful lines and flat-out speed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cape Breton

Stormy weather stops stranded vessel rescue

The company tasked with removing a ship that ran aground off Cape Breton a year ago says pre-demolition work is expected to begin Thursday.

Abe Shah, a senior partner with the Bennington Group, says work on the MV Miner has been delayed for the past few days because of stormy weather in the area of Scatarie Island.

Shah says weather permitting, a crew will begin mapping out the pattern for the demolition of the 230-metre bulk carrier. He says the heavy cutting work is expected to begin within a week.

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Nova Scotia

AG passes on development agency audit

Nova Scotia's auditor general says he won't be conducting a forensic audit of the Cumberland Regional Development Authority.

Jacques Lapointe says a provincial ombudsman's report makes a convincing case for an investigation of the economic development agency.

But Lapointe says he's satisfied it can be carried out by the province's internal auditor.

A report released last month by ombudsman Dwight Bishop found questionable accounting practices.

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Woman denies killing man with silicone penis injection

New Jersey. Penile enlargement a medical impossibility: Doctor

A New Jersey woman pleaded not guilty Tuesday to causing a man's death with an injection of silicone he hoped would enlarge his penis, a procedure experts cautioned doesn't work.

Kasia Rivera, 35, could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of reckless manslaughter in the death of Justin Street, 22.

Street, a father of two, had gone to Rivera on May 5 seeking a penile-enlargement procedure, which prosecutors say Rivera advertised for in flyers posted at local businesses. Rivera, who performed the procedures in her apartment, allegedly with no medical licence or training, administered a silicone shot to Street's penis, according to prosecutors.

Street died the next day. His death was ruled a homicide fol-

lowing an investigation and a medical examiner's determination that he died of a silicone embolism. Rivera was indicted by a grand jury last month.

Investigators believe Rivera may have conducted other similar unauthorized procedures out of her East Orange, N.J., apartment, but prosecutors said a public plea for people to step forward had not yielded any other clients to date.

Rivera, who remains free on \$75,000 US bail, declined to comment through her court-appointed attorney Tuesday.

Dr. Daniel S. Elliott, an associate professor of urology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said penis enlargement doesn't work.

"If there were a legitimate method for penile lengthening, Johnson & Johnson or Pfizer would have bought it up and made billions and billions of dollars worldwide," Elliott said. "The fact that they don't means it does not exist."

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Philly case

Enhancement clients tend to be women: Expert

Enhancement procedures performed by unlicensed practitioners or people with no medical training are more commonly seen among women, Elliott said.

Liquid silicone is sought on the black market by women seeking to enhance their figures, even though it is not approved for cosmetic injections.

In February 2011, Claudia Aderotimi, 20, of London died after receiving cosmetic injections to enlarge her buttocks at a hotel in Philadelphia. Following the procedure she had chest pain and difficulty breathing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



In this 2011 file photo, a police van pulls away from a Hampton Inn in Philadelphia. A London woman died after receiving cosmetic injections to enlarge her buttocks at the hotel last February. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investor buys Muhammad Ali's childhood home



This Aug. 27 file photo shows for-sale signs in the front yard of Muhammad Ali's boyhood home in Louisville, Ky. A fan of the boxing legend has acquired the important piece of memorabilia. BRUCE SCHREINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fan of Muhammad Ali has acquired an important piece of memorabilia: the boxing great's boyhood home.

Las Vegas real-estate investor Jared Weiss closed on the property in Louisville, Ky., earlier this week, a Louisville realtor told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Realtor Dave Lambrechts says Weiss paid \$70,000 US for the small white house with a sagging front porch overhang in a neighbourhood of neat, modest homes.

"The guy's a huge Ali fan, and that's what kind of spurred

Restoration

\$50,000

Lambrechts says the new owner wants to restore Ali's boyhood home to how it looked when the fighter lived in it. He estimates the restoration will cost about \$50,000 US.

this," Lambrechts said.

The home already has a state historical marker out front recognizing the residence as the home of Ali when he was a boy named Cassius Clay. The mark-

er says Ali lived in the mostly black neighbourhood with his parents and brother and attended local public schools.

It was the home where the future boxing champion's "values were instilled," the marker says.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer was upbeat about the deal.

"I am delighted that a fan of the champ is in control of the home, and the city looks forward to helping make this residence a place that spreads the message of Muhammad Ali's legacy," he said in a statement.

Donald Lassere, president

and CEO of the Muhammad Ali Center in downtown Louisville, also was cheered by the home's purchase.

Lassere said in a statement that "3302 West Grand Avenue is an important landmark for the city of Louisville and it will forever be tied to Muhammad's legacy here in his hometown."

Lambrechts says Weiss hasn't finalized his plans but won't use it as rental property. Among the options being considered are turning the home into a museum or using it for some charitable function.

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Take Time to Check Your Flight



From August to mid-November, runway extension work will be ongoing at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. While this is the best time to complete the construction, extreme weather – such as low visibility or high winds – can potentially disrupt flights during this time. And in Nova Scotia weather conditions can change in a minute.

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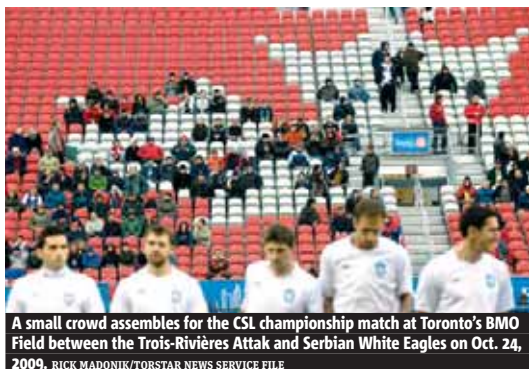
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The fix is in: Canadian Soccer League infiltrated by crime



A small crowd assembles for the CSL championship match at Toronto's BMO Field between the Trois-Rivières Attak and Serbian White Eagles on Oct. 24, 2009. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE



Fans chant during a Toronto Croatia match in North Toronto in 2007. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE



The Trois-Rivières Attak's Serge Dinkota shoots past Serbian White Eagles keeper Dan Pelc during the CSL championship match in October 2009. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Canadian Soccer League. Metro editor working with CBC threatened at Toronto home while investigating match-fixing ring

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You could be forgiven if you've never heard of the Canadian Soccer League.

Save for a sprinkling of fans

who attend games and watch the occasional screening on Rogers TV, few will have ever heard of the small backwater league fielding teams in Ontario and Quebec.

Yet online betting sites offer lines on every CSL game. This has attracted European match fixers looking for an easy target.

In an investigation I worked on with the CBC, we discovered that match fixers have travelled thousands of kilometres to pay Canadian players for desired results. Our domestic league has been powerless, unwilling or unable to stop it. And

this match-fixing syndicate has tried to infiltrate the league to a point that few would have imagined. The results of the investigation will be shown tonight on The National at 10 p.m. and will be published in tomorrow's Metro.

This investigation stemmed from a German court case last year in which the main defendants, Ante Sapina and Mario Cvrtak, admitted to fixing a CSL game on Sept. 12, 2009. That game was between the Toronto Croatia and the Trois-Rivières Attak — at the time, a farm team for the Montreal Impact.

Since the day I brought CBC this story 18 months ago, a lot has happened.

I have had people come to my home with death threats; I've moved my family to ensure their safety and struggled with the stress that comes with learning to live while looking over your shoulder. When I realized why those two men had threatened me, it made the pit of my stomach drop out at the thought of how close they had been to me. They waited outside my building to let me know that the questions I was asking around the CSL were not ones they approved of — but they mostly did it to send a message.

Others too have received that message. Witnesses to the fixing have come forward, only to drop away suddenly. Players, coaches and entire teams have walked away from the game they love because of the stink that comes from these types of allegations.

Tonight's documentary will walk viewers through how the fixing occurs. It will show why this group and others like it are targeting the CSL. And it will show just how easy it is to manipulate a game for money.

In the grand scheme of things, Canadian soccer is still very much in its infancy. The Canadian Soccer Association

By the numbers

16

Number of teams in the Canadian Soccer League.

National participation

3.1M

FIFA estimates that 3.1 million Canadians, adults and youths, regularly play organized soccer in Canada.

Inaugural season

2006

Year the current incarnation of the Canadian Soccer League was formed.

may be celebrating its centenary this year but it's really only come into its own in the last 10 years as local soccer has become a priority to fans in this country.

With that newfound love comes a level of naiveté — a sense that the ills that have plagued the world could never come here.

And if Canadians are finally catching on to this game that the rest of the world calls football, they're also about to get a

From CSL to MLS



- **Toronto.** Major League Soccer's Toronto FC has seven players on its senior squad that have played their way up through the CSL. Oscar Cordon, Daniel Henry, Nicholas Lindsay, Keith Makubuya, Ashtone Morgan, Quillan Roberts and Matt Stinson all began their road to the pros with Toronto FC Academy, which plays in the CSL.

- **Vancouver.** Prior to joining Whitecaps FC Residency, Bryce Alderson played in the CSL reserve league. He scored three goals in 12 appearances for SC Toronto.

Gambling

Small league prompting big-time bets

Each week, 10 of the biggest online betting sites offer lines on every Canadian Soccer League game.

Bookmakers will take bets up to and during the game. With no way to watch the games online, betting houses send what are called "runners" to each CSL game to report the game live by cellphone. This



The CSL provides a lucrative playground for online gambling. ISTOCK

is designed to prevent bettors and fixers from adding bets throughout the game before the bookmakers can change their odds.

What the runner and betting houses do is all perfectly legal and it's part of the billion-dollar global online-gambling industry. **BEN RYCROFT/METRO**

harsh wake-up call to the realities that come with it.

Read tomorrow's Metro for more details.



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5 HOT SPOTS FOR MUSIC

If you like to “play it loud,” these music venues around the world should be on your hit list.

PROVOCATIVE: THE PARADISO, AMSTERSDAM

Things **really** heat up at this concert hall housed in a converted 19th-century church in Amsterdam. Described as “seriously fierce,” this venue’s main concert hall in the former church interior seats 1,500 and has high ceilings, two balcony rings and large illuminated church windows. Check the website for the concert lineup, or Paradiso is a popular dance club, too. “You think **you** know how to party?” wrote one visitor. “Do you? You’re wrong. I did, and then I came here.”

MYSTERIOUS: THE GREEK THEATER, LOS ANGELES

“When you’re at the Greek, there’s this

type of mystical **feeling you** get among the crowd,” writes one **visitor**.

L.A.’s premier outdoor theatre is tucked into the corner of Griffith Park, but don’t let the picturesque setting fool you. This place is **made for noise**.

The 5,900-seat venue has amazing sound because of its natural acoustics — the park is actually a canyon. Named “North America’s Best Small Outdoor Venue,” Pearl Jam, Death Cab for Cutie, Florence & the Machine, The White Stripes, Jack Johnson, and Gotye have all played there recently.

DARE TO EXPLORE: PRIVILEGE, IBIZA, SPAIN

“This isn’t a club ... it’s a whole other world!”

Privilege is the world’s largest nightclub with a main room the size of an aircraft hangar. Ibiza is an island in the

Mediterranean Sea that has a red hot reputation for its nightlife.

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MICRO EXPERIENCE: THE PHOG LOUNGE, WINDSOR, ONT.

“Phog” is a small lounge in Windsor with a devout following of some of Canada’s hippest electronica, free-form jazz and indie rock bands.

“Phog is truly passionate and curious about music,” said Casey Laforet of Canada’s critically acclaimed Elliot Brood.

Named “Best Live Music Venue in Canada,” there is now an annual Phog-Phest in the fall where the street out front

is closed off for a daylong celebration of indie music. Rural Alberta Advantage headlines there Sept. 15.

EXPERIMENTATION: THE READING FESTIVAL, READING, ENGLAND

Join 87,000 other rock, indie, punk and metal aficionados in tents on Little John’s Farm for this three-day music festival every August.

But you have to plan ahead — tickets go on sale in December and sell out fast. The big stage is for major rock, indie, metal and alternative acts, but check out the smaller Lock Up Stage for underground punk and hardcore acts, and a stage for unsigned acts.

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Thousands gather across U.S. to honour 9-11 victims

11 years later.

Memorials at three crash sites scaled back after 10-year mark, making experiences more personal

Americans marked the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on a crisp, sunny day much like the one 11 years ago when nearly 3,000 victims were killed in the worst terror attack in U.S. history.

The commemoration was smaller and more subdued, a reflection of the nation moving on after a decade of remembrance.

Hundreds gathered at the World Trade Center site in New York, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa., to read the names of the dead.

"Our country is safer, and our people are resilient," President Barack Obama said in a ceremony at the White House. He and first lady

Michelle Obama laid a wreath at the Pentagon, above a concrete slab that said "Sept. 11, 2001 — 937 am."

They later visited the graves of recent war dead from Afghanistan and Iraq at Arlington National Cemetery. The U.S. military death toll years ago surpassed the 9-11 victim count.

Some said last year's 10th anniversary was a turning point for public mourning. For the first time, elected officials weren't speaking at the New York ceremony.

"I feel much more relaxed" this year, said Jane Pollicino, who came to remember her husband.

Thousands had attended the ceremony in New York in previous years. This time, the crowd reached about 1,000 by late Tuesday morning. A few hundred attended ceremonies at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

Allied military forces marked the anniversary at a short ceremony at NATO's headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A woman mourns on the wall engraved with the names of victims during observances at the National September 11 Memorial in New York on Tuesday. CRAIG RUTTLE/NEWSDAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rights violations?

Surveillance program up for renewal

The Obama administration maintains it is unable to say how many times one of the government's most politically sensitive anti-terrorism surveillance programs — which is up for renewal this week in Congress — has inadvertently gathered intelligence about U.S. citizens.

The administration is seeking renewal of the program, however, and defends its value.

In a briefing for reporters on the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the general counsel for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said Tuesday that the program designed to monitor international communications by terrorist suspects has collected an extraordinary amount of valuable intelligence overseas about foreign terrorist suspects while simultaneously protecting the civil liberties of Americans.

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A customer walks out of Nordstrom in Los Angeles. MARK TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Nordstrom to set up shop in Canada

North of the border. Upscale U.S. retailer to announce Canadian store plans, which could include trio of prime Sears locations set to be shuttered

Nordstrom is the latest U.S. retailer planning to set up

shop north of the border.

Officials from the department-store chain and Cadillac Fairview are scheduled to announce Canadian store plans at a media briefing in Toronto on Thursday.

The announcement will relate to Nordstrom's entry into the Canadian marketplace and will identify store locations in Cadillac Fairview shopping centres nationally.

According to previously published reports, the Seattle-based retailer is expected to open in four locations, including a trio of prime Sears Canada locations set to be shuttered this fall.

Sears Canada announced in March it would sell back leases for three of its stores to its landlord, Cadillac Fairview, for about \$170 million.

High-profile locations at

the Pacific Centre in Vancouver, Chinook Centre in Calgary and Rideau Centre in Ottawa are set to close by the end of October.

It announced a further closure, at the Deerfoot Mall in Calgary, in July.

Canadians can currently purchase goods direct from Nordstrom's website, with shipping fees that includes the cost of duties at checkout.

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Quebecor impugns Bell bid

Bell's \$3.4-billion takeover bid for Astral Media will mark a "point of no return" for Canada if it's approved, the CEO of Quebecor told a regulatory hearing Tuesday.

Accusing Bell Media of "arrogance" and "domination," Pierre Karl Peladeau said Canada will have one of the highest levels of media concentration if the deal goes ahead, changing the playing field for all other players.

"If it were to be accepted, it will mark a point of no return for the future of telecommuni-

cations and broadcasting in Canada," Peladeau told a CRTC hearing into the deal.

"We're going to create a marketplace that's going to be driven by a monopoly mindset and this is going to be bad for consumers and bad for all Canadian citizens," he told reporters after his remarks.

But Calgary-based Shaw Communications came out in favour of the deal.

Shaw president Peter Bissonnette said the real threat is online services like Netflix and Apple TV, not bigger Can-

adian players.

"There is no doubt that the proposed acquisition will make Bell bigger than it is today," Bissonnette told the CRTC.

Quebecor — one of Bell's chief rivals, which dominates the Quebec French TV market — owns 8.4 per cent of the Canadian viewing market, he said.

Peladeau said its Groupe TVA has more than 23 per cent of the Quebec market, while its specialty TV channels have a bit more than seven per cent.

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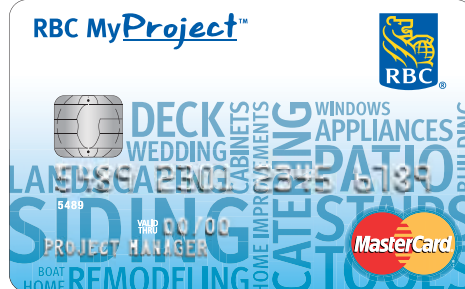
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A NON-HOCKEY WRITER ON THE NHL LOCKOUT



JUST SAYIN'
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True confession:

I am not a hockey writer. With a few notable exceptions, neither are most hockey writers. Oops! That was my outside voice, wasn't it?

If I were a hockey writer, I wouldn't last very long. I would always want to write about the wrong thing.

Instead of reporting on the latest looming lockout (memo to hockey writers: That 'L' thing is called an alliteration) — which, by the way, happens Sunday at 12:01 a.m. if no one pulls a last-minute puck out of a hat — I would have a tendency to get distracted.

For example, did you know that Tyler Seguin just signed a contract with the Boston Bruins that will pay him \$34 million US over the next six years? That's a little under \$6 million a year.

Did you know that Tyler Seguin is 20 years old?

Now there's something to get distracted about. This kid scored 29 goals for the Bruins last year. According to my calculations, if he scores another 29 this year, he will make about \$200,000 US a goal. Doesn't matter if it's a deflection or shot into an empty net.

Boston Bruins' \$34M signing

I don't mean to pick on him exclusively. Every team has a rookie phenom whose annual salary exceeds the gross national product of your average banana republic.

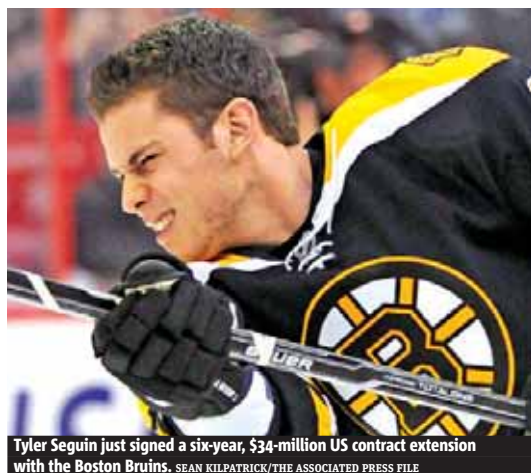
in 20th-century dollars, which adjusted for today's buying power, comes to about \$2.50.

I could even argue that my job, which required me to make decisions about the deployment of millions of dollars in government grants to community groups, was more important than Tyler Seguin's. And then I would start wondering if our values were completely out of whack, and the owners and players should indeed take a time out and think carefully about what they're doing.

I mean, what are they doing? Isn't little Tyler, at \$6 million a year, making enough money? I don't mean to pick on him exclusively. Every team has a rookie phenom whose annual salary exceeds the gross national product of your average banana republic. Speaking of average, the average salary for an NHL hockey player is \$2.4 million a year. The minimum, paid to guys who gather splinters sitting on the bench, is \$525,000 US.

Speaking of values being out of whack, the average salary for a pre-school teacher in Boston is \$43,000 US. That's what happens when you don't take steroids.

There I go again. At this rate, they'll never let me be a hockey writer.



Tyler Seguin just signed a six-year, \$34-million US contract extension with the Boston Bruins. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Duke and Duchess are blooming



STEPHEN MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diamond Jubilee

Orchid named after Will and Kate

Prince William and Kate view a hybrid orchid named in their honour at the Orchard Garden within the Singapore Botanical Gardens in Singapore on Tuesday.

The British royal couple is on an official three-day trip to Singapore. It is the first stop on the couple's nine-day tour of the Far East and South Pacific for the queen's Diamond Jubilee marking her 60 years on the throne.

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Prince William stops to speak to an honour guard on arrival at the Istana, the official residence of the president of Singapore, on Tuesday. William will also visit the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu with Kate. CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES



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@rebekahhiggs:

"I swam in william's lake today and the water was so warm and beautiful! #Halifax

@sandbarmark:

Just Googled "bill mills truro twitter" and then remembered he sends emails with an abacus and pterodactyl.

@GS_Brooks13:

so I can at least have some NHL hockey this year..



In Resident Evil: Retribution, Umbrella Corporation's genetic experiments turn the world's population into legions of flesh-eating undead. HANDOUT

How evil corporations ruled through film history

Resident Evil: Retribution. The Umbrella Corp. in gory legacy is part of a long list of heartless movie organizations



IN FOCUS
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The Umbrella Corporation is the largest and most powerful corporate entity in the world. At least, in the world of the Resident Evil movies it is.

Since R.E. first appeared

on the big screen in 2002, the Umbrella Corp has been responsible for weapons research, the release of the mutating T-virus, experiments on humans, and the creation of biologically engineered supersoldiers.

In this weekend's Resident Evil: Retribution Umbrella's genetic experiments turn the global population into "legions of the flesh eating undead."

Turning the world's people into zombies is pretty dastardly stuff, but Umbrella isn't the only cinematic corporation bending the rules and causing harm.

How about Blade Runner's morally despicable Tyrell Corporation?

Led by a CEO with a God

complex, the company genetically engineered organic robots called replicants for use as slaves on space colonies.

Visually indistinguishable from humans, they are banned from earth, and if found on the planet are killed immediately.

That plot inspired another popular sci-fi flick.

When writer Edward Neumeier was asked about the plot of Blade Runner he replied, "It's about cop-hunting robots."

Inspired, he created RoboCop's story about megacorporation Omni Consumer Products who builds the title character, a superhuman cyborg law enforcer.

It's likely that defense

firm Cyberdyne Systems had nothing but good intentions when it developed Skynet, the Global Digital Defense Network that features at the center of all the Terminator movies.

The idea was to remove the possibility of human error when responding to military threats. Who knew the technology would one day eliminate the human race?

Elimination of humankind was not on the minds of Soylent Corporation, the entity running things in the sci-fi flick Soylent Green. Set in an overpopulated, polluted world they came up with an alternative food source, Soylent Red and Yellow made of "high-energy plankton."

A third product, Soylent

Green, becomes NYC's most popular snack until a cop (Charlton Heston) discovers the green wafer's main ingredient. "Soylent Green is people!"

I doubt even Mitt "Corporations are people!" Romney would approve of District 9's Multi-National United. Despite their slogan, "Paving the way to unity," they create alien apartheid in South Africa for the purpose of performing experiments on the hapless ET's who landed in South Africa. Most of these cinematic corporations sound innocuous.

At least the name of the corporation in Mel Brooks's Silent Movie was truthful about what they do — Engulf & Devour.

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DAVE MATTHEWS BAND

Fresh from some time off, DMB returns with a new album of all-new songs about love, lust, aging and activism

AWAY FROM THE WORLD

Dave Matthews needed a break.

His famously hardworking band took last year off and Matthews says he's planning to scale back future summer tours.

Still, Matthews didn't want to give himself too much free time.

The band reunited early this year with Crash and Before These Crowded Streets producer Steve Lillywhite, originally planning to record studio versions of older tunes from live performances.

Matthews decided instead to pen and record all new songs, with lyrics about love, lust, aging

DMB

"This album, it was a very refreshing process."

Dave Matthews talking about the making of the band's new album which was recorded much quicker than its last

and activism laid over his three bandmates' recognizably comfortable-yet-funky musical bed.

The result, *Away From the World*, follows the critical and commercial success of 2009's *Big Whiskey & the GrooGrux King*: 1.2 million copies sold and an album of the year Grammy

nomination.

With the latest album hitting store shelves on Tuesday, the 45-year-old singer-songwriter spoke about his children, growing old and God.

How was your break from touring last year? Did it accomplish what you'd hoped?

It was good.

It forced me to realign things.

There was a momentum that had built up over the years that I sort of didn't feel I had any say.... I wanted to stop. So we did.

It sounds from the album

like you're thinking quite a bit about growing old.

I'm partly obsessed by aging gracefully. Not that I believe in God.... My sister said, "You age gracefully so you find out what God wanted you to look like when you're old." I kind of like that idea.... But I like the wrinkles. I woke up three days ago and I thought, "In 15 years I'm going to be 60." ... Wow, that's pretty soon.

Who did you spend time with on your break?

I spent most of my time with my family. We did some traveling.

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Miley Cyrus throwing punches for her fiancé

Miley Cyrus is leading a pretty dangerous life lately.

First, a man attempts to force his way into her home wielding a pair of scissors — though Cyrus wasn't home at the time — and now she's getting into bar fights. Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth were hanging out at a nightclub in the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood when a man bumped into Hemsworth, leading to a heated discus-

sion, according to Hollyscoop. After some shoving ensued, Cyrus reportedly got between the guys and ended up shoving the stranger herself and punching him in the face, according to a report of battery he later filed with the police.

So far, no arrests have been made, and Cyrus' reps doubt there will be any.

"This claim is completely false and erroneous," her rep says.

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The Word

Stewart and Franco? Sure, we'll buy it

THE WORD

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Although she's still shuffling through airports in Robert Pattinson's T-shirts, it seems Kristen Stewart may be entertaining the idea of moving on.

The actress was spotted chatting with a "smitten" James Franco at the Toronto Film Festival, reports RadarOnline.

"There was a lot of flirting and Kristen was overjoyed by the attention she was getting from James, who was gushing over her, saying what a great actress he thinks she is and was full of praise for her latest

movie, *On the Road*," a source tells the site.

"At the end of their chance meeting, James took Kristen's number and asked her out for dinner. Kristen initially said no, but is mulling over the idea. She knows she has to move on now following her break up with Rob."

Is it just us, or does this "source" sound like Kristen Stewart giving herself a pep talk in the bathroom mirror? You go get em' Kristen, you clearly deserve only the best.

We wouldn't have initially put Franco and Stewart together, but maybe they can bond over complaining about fame while taking roles in blockbusters.

Plus, Franco's acting so pretentious these days, we bet he has a stronger British accent than Pattinson does.



Zac Efron

Efron not offended by gay rumours

Zac Efron appreciates his gay fans — and isn't fazed by speculation about his own sexuality.

"I don't like to live in fear about things like rumours and backlash to begin with — that's the way I was raised — but I just can't see what's so wrong about being gay," he tells the Advocate in an

interview.

He also makes it clear that he's a strong supporter of marriage equality.

"It's an issue that affects so many people in my life — a lot of my close friends and some of the most influential people around me," Efron says. "I just want them all to be happy."

Twitter



@Joan_Rivers

I love Fashion Week in New York. Everyone is so chic! I just saw a bag lady wearing a pantsuit made from old "Will Work For Food" signs.



@aaronpaul_8

I want pizza so bad right now. The good kind of pizza though not the bad kind. The good kind is so much better than the bad.



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The view from Trius winery, one of more than two dozen wineries in Niagara-on-the-Lake. JOSEPH CHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Autumn is a grape time to visit Niagara-on-the-Lake

Harvest heaven.

Small town near Niagara Falls boasts wineries, fresh food markets and a theatre festival

Mention Niagara and most travellers think of the famous falls, which deserve their reputation as the mother of all tourist attractions.

But there's another place with Niagara in its name just a half-hour drive from the falls that should be part of any visit to the area: Niagara-on-the-Lake, a lovely town known for wineries, an annual theatre festival and a charming downtown.

And while summer is high season for visiting the waterfalls, September and October are among the busiest months of the year in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

There are more than 30 wineries in Niagara-on-the-Lake and 80 altogether in the



The Shaw Festival. EMILY COOPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

region, and fall is the season when visitors can see and experience the harvest and the pressing of the grapes.

Visitors can also find locally grown produce, depending on what's in season, including peaches, pears and apples, along with jams, juices and other products, for sale in places like Kurtz

Orchards Country Market, 16006 Niagara Parkway, and at a Saturday morning farmers market, through Oct. 6 at 111 Garrison Village Drive.

Fall is also the last chance to catch performances at the Shaw Festival, a popular annual event that takes place in three theatres in Niagara-on-the-Lake, staging works

by George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries, plus new plays written about his era (1856-1950). The season began in May, with productions ranging from Ragtime, through Oct. 14, to Hedda Gabler, through Sept. 29. Noel Coward's Present Laughter and Bernard Shaw's Misalliance run through October.

For leaf-peepers, the area has "stunning fall colour," usually peaking in early October, according to Janice Thomson, executive director of Niagara-on-the-Lake's chamber of commerce. The town's leafy waterfront areas include both the Niagara River and Lake Ontario (the waterfalls flow into the river, which flows into the lake). Niagara Parkway, which follows the river, offers a "spectacular drive," according to Tina Truszyk, spokeswoman for the Tourism Partnership of Niagara.

There are also cycling routes along the river and the nearby Welland Canal. Niagara-on-the-Lake has a number of bike rental companies

If you go...

- **Niagara-on-the-Lake.** niagaraonthelake.com
- **Shaw Festival.** This annual theatre festival runs through late October. shawfest.com.
- **Wine route planner.** winecountryontario.ca/niagara-on-the-lake.
- **Icewine festival.** The icewine festival takes place in January 2013.

including some like Zoom Leisure Bike — zoomleisure.com — that offer guided bike tours of the wineries.

The region is best-known for ice wine, a specialty product made from grapes frozen on the vine in winter. The frozen grapes are nearly dehydrated so the juice is concentrated, which makes the wine sweeter than table wine.

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The beaches of Kefalonia

It's the largest Greek island in the Ionian Sea, situated near the west of Greece. Come. Stay a week.

DR. NIKI KALOGIRATOU
Metro Greece



Village of Assos at Kefalonia Island, Greece. THINKSTOCK

HISTORY

Kefalonia (or Cephallonia) has been inhabited since prehistoric times. Today, locals like to argue that they are the descendants of Ulysses and that Kefalonia was the Homeric Ithaka. You won't see much history, however: After the 1953 earthquakes that almost razed the island to the ground, most of its neoclassical mansions, as well as Venetian and British public buildings, were demolished. One can find the only surviving remnants of pre-earthquake architecture on the northern side of the island in the picturesque fishing villages of Fiscardo and Assos. The filming of Captain Corelli's Mandolin in 2000 brought a lot of Hollywood stars (Madonna, Penelope Cruz, Tom Hanks) to Kefalonia, an island which had a non-cosmopolitan profile.

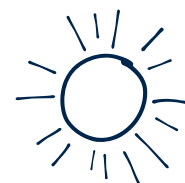
HIGHLIGHTS

During your stay on the island you can visit Argostoli, Fiscardo, the Assos Castle, the Melissani and Drogarati Caves near Sami, St George's Castle, the scenic monasteries of St Gerassimos and many picturesque small villages along the way. For hikers, Ainos (1,620m) is the highest mountain on the island. There is an excellent view from its summit, where in ancient times a temple of Zeus was situated, according to the ancient Greek author Hesiod.

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Sweet & savoury team up in Creamy Apple Curry Chicken

When you think curry, chances are potatoes and chicken come to mind. But you also should consider apples.

Though not necessarily a traditional touch for curry, apples work deliciously well with the big, spicy flavours of the dish. In fact, there is very little that is traditional about the curry assembled here, but we're not all that worried about it. It's so delicious, the name almost seems irrelevant.

A quick sauté of vegetables and chicken — along with those aforementioned

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 large yellow onion, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 each green and red bell pepper, cored and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-size cubes
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 2 tbsp curry powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup toasted almonds



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

apples — is tied together with a creamy curry sauce. To keep the autumnal feel, throw in some dried cranberries and top it with toasted almonds. If you don't want to serve it over rice, you could opt for egg noodles.

1. In a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the onion and

sauté until tender, about 7 minutes. Add both bell peppers, cauliflower and chicken. Cook until the vegetables are just tender and the chicken is cooked through, about 10 to 12 minutes.

2. Add the apples, curry powder, salt and pepper. Cook until the apples are just tender,

about 3 to 5 minutes.

3. Sprinkle the flour over everything, stirring to coat. Add the milk and cranberries, stirring and cooking until the sauce comes to a simmer and thickens. Serve sprinkled with toasted almonds.

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Exciting flavour, little effort



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weeknight cooking is all about getting gobs of flavour from just a few ingredients, no special techniques and as little effort as possible. That's the idea behind this Mirin Pork Chops with Apple Chutney.

1. In bowl, whisk mirin, garlic powder and salt. Add the pork and turn to coat well. Refrigerate until ready to cook.

2. Heat grill to high. Using vegetable oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, oil grill grates. Reduce heat to medium and add pork. Grill 6 minutes per side. Set aside.

Ingredients

- 1 cup mirin
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 lbs pork tenderloin, halved lengthwise and pounded evenly flat
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 10 1/2-oz jar sweet chutney (such as mango)

3. In skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add apples and onion and sauté until just tender, about 5 minutes. Remove pan from the heat and stir in the chutney.

4. To serve, thinly slice pork and top servings with apple chutney.

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I graduated from McMaster University in 2011 and joined PwC as an Associate in the Audit & Assurance Group based in the Toronto office.

Coming out of university, where I had a very tightly knit group of friends, the one thing I was most afraid of was change. However, I quickly learned after I joined the firm that change is not necessarily a bad thing and definitely not as scary as it seems. Because of all the extra-curricular activities I took part in at McMaster, I was confident and ready to launch my career. Lucky for me, I was able to join a firm that supported, which made the school to work transition, seamless.

If I were to look back at my transition from carrying a backpack to now a briefcase, the one thing that I would not change is getting outside my comfort zone. When I



was a student, I explored new chances to make me a more confident and well-rounded person. These are two essential characteristics that employers are looking for.

Where I am now

As an Associate, I am fulfilling my dream of adding value to my clients on a daily basis. I'm also learning more everyday about the accounting and business world, while writing exams to obtain my Chartered Accountant (CA) designation.

Besides auditing, I'm passionate about giving back to people and coaching young students and professionals in their respective careers. As PwC's national recruiting blogger and one of only six people chosen to represent PwC in its campus branding, I do just that by allowing others to learn from my personal stories of success and failure both via my blog posts and through speeches I deliver at various universities

across the GTA.

In my spare time, I volunteer by serving as the CFO (chief financial officer) and Career Coach for a new start-up NPO (non-profit organization) called Canada Pakistan Professionals Association (CPPA). At CPPA, I oversee their finances, as well as provide young professionals with advice and support.

My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

My recommendation for employers, career centres or schools is to really find ways to connect with students more personally and give them with tailored support.

My recommendations for students

My advice for students and recent grads would be to never see failure as a hindrance to their end goals, but rather a catalyst and a motivator to go above and beyond their own expectations. The reason why I am reasonably successful today is because I made mistakes in my past and learned from them.

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If you're just starting out at your first entry level or early-career job in financial services or accounting, you may not have given too much thought to your long-term career objectives.

But if you aspire to a management position one day, you'll need to start planning now.

A recent survey developed by Robert Half Management Resources has found that fewer than one third of management positions in accounting and finance were filled by candidates who were promoted internally. Employers are more commonly looking outside their own organization for managers.

Why is this figure so low?

According to David King, Canadian president of Robert Half, many companies don't have a fully developed plan for succession. "Everyone thinks it's a good idea, but it gets bumped down the priority list," he says.

When a vacancy comes up unexpectedly, a company may not have qualified internal candidates on hand to replace departing employees. In other cases, a qualified internal candidate can't be promoted because their position can't be back-filled. Hiring in a hurry may result in an internal candidate with unexplored potential taking a backseat to an employee who can't be trained for eventual promotion.

How to get promoted**Speak up**

You may need to raise your voice in order to give yourself a good shot, particularly if you're being overlooked.



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"If you get a sense that others have been identified for roles and you're not getting tapped on the shoulder, it's appropriate to ask for feedback in terms of what skill sets you're lacking," he says. This type of communication reiterates your commitment to future advancement.

Improve yourself

If you notice that you're lacking a skill in demand among managers at your company, try to learn close to home.

"Seeking professional development that's sponsored by your company would be ideal, and if it isn't, you may have to look for it on your own time," says King.

In either case, make sure your supervisor is aware that you're dedicating your own time to broadening your skill set on your employer's behalf.

Advertise yourself

Performance reviews give you the opportunity to build on your employer's existing impression of you while emphasizing steps you've taken to put yourself in line for a move up the ladder.

"That ensures that they see you are, one, interested in and, two, capable of promotion," he says. Key among these steps is taking on special projects which demonstrate skills you

don't use in your regular job.

When should you pull the plug?

While it takes determination and patience to chart an upward spiral in your career, it's important to recognize that some employers won't be able to offer you advancement opportunities.

Cover your bases before you decide a change is needed, says King.

"Provided you've exhausted all opportunities at your current firm, it's appropriate to look into options elsewhere. Be sure to benefit fully from your current learning experience."

He also notes that the traditional advice against burning bridges applies even more so in cases where advancement is the cause for leaving.

"We see quite often the opportunity for people to return to a company they left for a more senior position," he says.

In this case, you'll be able to capitalize on your prior experience as well as the breadth of knowledge you've acquired from other employment.

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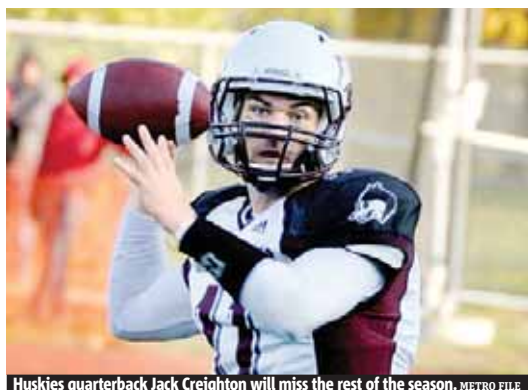
Fractured vertebrae ends Creighton's season

The Saint Mary's Huskies have lost starting quarterback Jack Creighton for the season.

Creighton, a fifth-year pivot, has two fractured vertebrae in his neck after being hit in the head in last Saturday's Atlantic University Sport football opener against the Acadia Axemen.

Jean Legault, a second-year quarterback, takes the reins as the Huskies' starter, while rookie Drew Jacobson becomes the backup.

"Jean is a very intelligent quarterback, a very capable quarterback," Huskies head



Huskies quarterback Jack Creighton will miss the rest of the season. METRO FILE

coach Perry Marchese said. "He's more of an athlete and I'm looking for him to be a great leader. I'm looking forward to watching Jean play

and letting him go."

Creighton completed 13 of 25 passes for 180 yards, an interception and a touchdown last Saturday and had the

Huskies up 16-14 before sustaining the injury in the fourth quarter. Legault took over and was two of seven for 12 yards and a pick, while the Axemen came back to win 21-16.

In 22 games with the Huskies, Creighton threw for 3,611 yards, 25 touchdowns and 19 interceptions.

Marchese said Creighton was "dealing with the news well."

"Jack's a pretty easy-going guy, a pretty special guy," Marchese said. "He's going to be fine."

Legault, from Sherbrooke, Que., will make his first Canadian Interuniversity Sport start on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Huskies Stadium against his hometown team, the Sherbrooke Vert et Or.

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Weekly awards

Saint Mary's Huskies receiver/returner Jahmeek Taylor picked up special teams player of the week honours for Atlantic University Sport football on Tuesday.

- The fifth-year former conference MVP recorded a career-high 316 all-purpose yards in last Saturday's 21-16 loss to the Acadia Axemen.

- Axemen receiver Mike Squires of Halifax was named offensive player of the week after tying Acadia's single-game record with 13 receptions for 123 yards.

MMA

Roger Hollett reinserted into UFC 152 to face Matt Hamill

Roger Hollett's UFC debut is back on for Sept. 22 at Air Canada Centre in Toronto.

The Fairview native has been reinserted into the lineup for UFC 152 and will face Matt Hamill in a heavyweight matchup, getting the call on Tuesday after Hamill's scheduled opponent, Vladimir Matyushenko, was forced to withdraw because of a torn Achilles tendon.

Hollett was originally on the UFC 152 card versus Hamill in early August but withdrew several weeks later because of an undisclosed injury.

Hollett, who has a career record of 13-3, is on a five-fight winning streak, most recently defeating John Hawk last Nov. 12 at Bellator 57 in Rama, Ont.

Hamill is a 13-fight UFC veteran who is 10-4 overall. The 35-year-old last fought on Aug. 6, 2011, and is coming out of retirement for the event.

Cole Harbour's T.J. Grant remains on the UFC 152 card. He'll look for his third straight win in the octagon against Evan Dunham in a lightweight bout.

Grant's fight was bumped from the pay-per-view main card and is now part of the preliminaries because of adjustments that resulted from the cancellation of UFC 151.

Grant is 5-3 at the UFC level but has won both fights since moving from welterweight down to lightweight.

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Dartmouth Moosehead Dry star Chris Head, right, steals a base in this file photo. He led the NSSBL with 32 stolen bases this season. METRO FILE

Younger Dartmouth team 'hungry to win'

NSSBL. Final opens Saturday in Kentville



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With some new faces leading the way, Dartmouth Moosehead Dry is up to its same old tricks in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League.

Despite the devastating losses of four-time league MVP Joel Irvine and perennial all-star pitchers Jason Bailey and Steve Nelson, Dartmouth — winners of seven of the past nine titles — is back in the NSSBL final against the Kentville Wildcats this weekend.

A number of fresh faces stepped into bigger roles, while outfielder Chris Head led a strong core of returning veterans with the best season of his seven-year career en route to his second MVP award.

"We're a little different, a little younger," Head said. "We lost the best player who ever played in the league (Irvine) and two of the best pitchers, so we're a little younger, but we're hungry to win. We lost in Game 7 (to Halifax) last year and we're looking to get back on top and represent Nova Scotia at nationals."

Pitcher Shain Boudreau, catcher Justin Stephens and outfielder Matt Thomas all cracked the all-star team

Quote

"I hope it's short, for us. But it looks like it's going to be a long one."

Dartmouth's Chris Head, on how many games the NSSBL final will go

with tremendous seasons, as did veteran slugger Darren Doucette.

Head, a 26-year-old from New Watford, was the best of the bunch, leading the league in six categories, including a scorching .435 batting average, 50 hits and 32 stolen bases.

"I would have to say it's my best season," Head said. "I started to increase my

power numbers. That's been my main focus over the past couple of years. I'm not going to be fast forever, so I've got to learn how to hit, I guess."

The best-of-seven series opens with Games 1 and 2 Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Kentville and Saturday at 7 p.m. at Beazley Field.

Kentville, in search of its first title since 2000, won the regular-season pennant with a 21-7 record, two games better than Dartmouth. The Wildcats won the season series 5-2.

"They don't make many errors, they're all tough outs, one through nine, and they have pitchers who throw strikes," Head said. "They match up well to us and it's going to be a good series."

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports



Not many fighters wanted to step into the cage in Toronto against light-heavyweight champion Jon "Bones" Jones for the upcoming UFC 152, according to UFC boss Dana White. But Brazilian fighter Vitor Belfort was game, saying he still fights "for pleasure" at age 35. Scan the code for the story.

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Both the league and players are to blame for labour strife: Daly

NHL. Face to face meeting of two sides hastily scheduled as deadline draws near

The NHL and the players' association will resume negotiations on Wednesday in an effort to avoid a lockout this weekend.

After not meeting face to face since last Friday, the sides planned to get together at the league office in New York before the NHLPA holds player meetings later Wednesday.

The NHL board of governors will convene on Thurs-

day with commissioner Gary Bettman, while the union holds a second day of discussions with as many as 250 players.

The hastily scheduled negotiating session for Wednesday came just hours after NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said owners and players were both to blame for their failure to reach a new collective bargaining agreement before the current deal expires on Saturday.

Daly wrote in an email to The Associated Press on Tuesday that he hoped both sides would meet before Saturday, but didn't sound optimistic it would happen.

"To this point, we have received no indication that the union has anything new to say to us. And right now, we have nothing new to say to them," he wrote Tuesday. "It's unfortunate, but it's the reality of the situation."

That changed Tuesday night. Whether the restart of talks will lead to a quick reso-



NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly. ANDREW WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

lution remains to be seen. The NHL's labour contract expires at midnight Saturday night, and a lockout seems likely. It would be the league's fourth work stoppage since 1992.

Ultimately, we just want

to negotiate a fair deal that will give all our clubs an ability to be stable and healthy," Daly wrote. "We hoped (and still hope) we can do that without causing any interruption to the upcoming season."

Logic would have suggested we would have been able to. The fact that we haven't yet is extremely disappointing, and is a failure for which we both must share blame."

Several hundred players are set to attend the NHLPA meetings Wednesday and Thursday to discuss the current state of CBA negotiations.

The board of governors could authorize Bettman to proceed with a lockout on Saturday if a new collective bargaining agreement hasn't been reached.

Donald Fehr, who took over as union head two years ago, said his players are resigned to a work stoppage, which would follow lockouts last year in the NFL and the NBA.

Many of those players will gather in Manhattan this week in this off-season's biggest show of force. Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby, one of the league's biggest stars, is one of them. He skated on Tuesday with some of his Pen-

All's quiet

- The sides haven't had a full bargaining session since Aug. 31 and the strife is threatening regular-season openers scheduled to start Oct. 11.
- The preseason is set to begin on Sept. 19.

guins teammates in suburban Pittsburgh and expects to be in New York on Wednesday.

Industry revenue has grown from \$2.1 billion to \$3.3 billion annually under the expiring deal. Owners asked players to cut their share of hockey related revenue from 57 to 43 per cent, and then modified their offer to 46 per cent during a six-year proposal. Players are concerned management hasn't addressed its problems by re-examining the teams' revenue-sharing format.

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"I hear November, December and New Year's. But no one really knows."

Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask fears the season will be delayed.

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Canada's World Cup hopes bruised by Panama

Panama's Luis Henriquez, top, and Canada's Patrice Bernier fight for the ball Tuesday in Panama City. Rolando Blackburn and Blas Perez each scored as Panama beat Canada's men's soccer team 2-0 in World Cup qualifying. Meanwhile Honduras beat Cuba 1-0 to move to second in the four-team group. The result dropped Canada to third place on goal differential. ARNOLFO FRANCO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mariners halt Jays' 4-game win streak

MLB. Seattle chase Toronto starter Morrow from game in fourth inning

It was clear from the start that Blue Jays pitcher Brandon Morrow didn't have his best stuff against the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

He gave up hits to the first three batters he faced and the Mariners built an early lead they wouldn't relinquish in a 4-3 victory over Toronto in front of a season-low Rogers Centre crowd of 12,935.

Morrow tied a career high by giving up 11 hits over four-plus innings as the Blue Jays had their four-game winning streak come to an end. Toronto (64-76) had its chances against Seattle starter Erasmo Ramirez (1-2) but couldn't put together a big inning.

Morrow needed 27 pitches to get out of the opening frame. The Mariners put up two early runs and were on their way to ending a three-game skid.

"I think the only thing that kept that from being eight runs was probably my change-up," Morrow said. "I had a decent change-up and was able to keep them off-balance a little bit that way."

"But it was just one of those days, really."

Seattle (68-74) had four of its 14 hits in the opening frame. Morrow had given his former team fits in the past, winning all three of his starts and posting an impressive 1.89 earned-run average.

Tuesday's game	
4	3
Mariners	Blue Jays

The Mariners used a balanced offensive attack with all but one starter recording at least one hit. Kyle Seager was a triple short of the cycle and Franklin Gutierrez added two hits and a run.

"We were ready for the fastball," Gutierrez said. "(Morrow) is a power pitcher and obviously we need to get on the fastball first and that's what we did, get him early and try to score some runs early in the game."

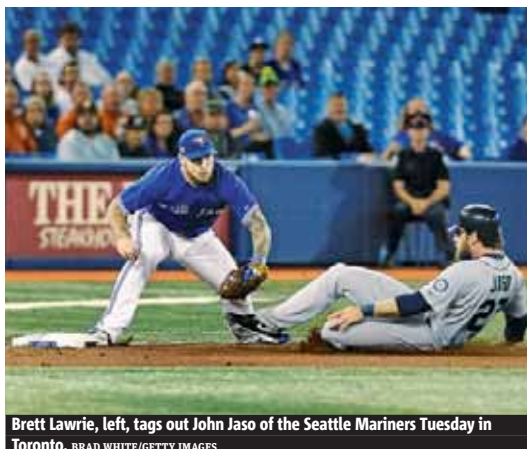
Ramirez pitched seven effective innings for his first major-league win. The Blue Jays put the tying run in scoring position in the ninth before Tom Wilhelmson picked up his 25th save by getting Anthony Gose to ground out to end it.

Morrow had made three solid starts since returning to the lineup after a stint of over two months on the disabled list with an oblique injury. He said he felt fine physically and gave credit to the Mariners' offence.

"They did a good job of putting the bat on the ball there in (the first) inning," he said. "Then the whole time I just kind of felt out of sync with my body. I couldn't really find my release point."

"I was just struggling in that regard."

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Brett Lawrie, left, tags out John Jaso of the Seattle Mariners Tuesday in Toronto. BRAD WHITE/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Bruins extend Seguin's contract

The Boston Bruins have signed centre Tyler Seguin to a six-year, \$34-million US contract extension.

Seguin had 29 goals and 67 points last season for Boston — both team highs — in just his second NHL season. The 20-year-old had a plus-34 rating, second in the league behind teammate



Tyler Seguin. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Patrice Bergeron, and played in the 2012 all-star game.

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MLB

McCarthy home after surgery

Oakland Athletics pitcher Brandon McCarthy was released from a Bay Area hospital Tuesday, less than a week after getting hit in the head by a line drive and undergoing surgery.

And he said he plans to return to baseball once he recovers full strength in the coming months.

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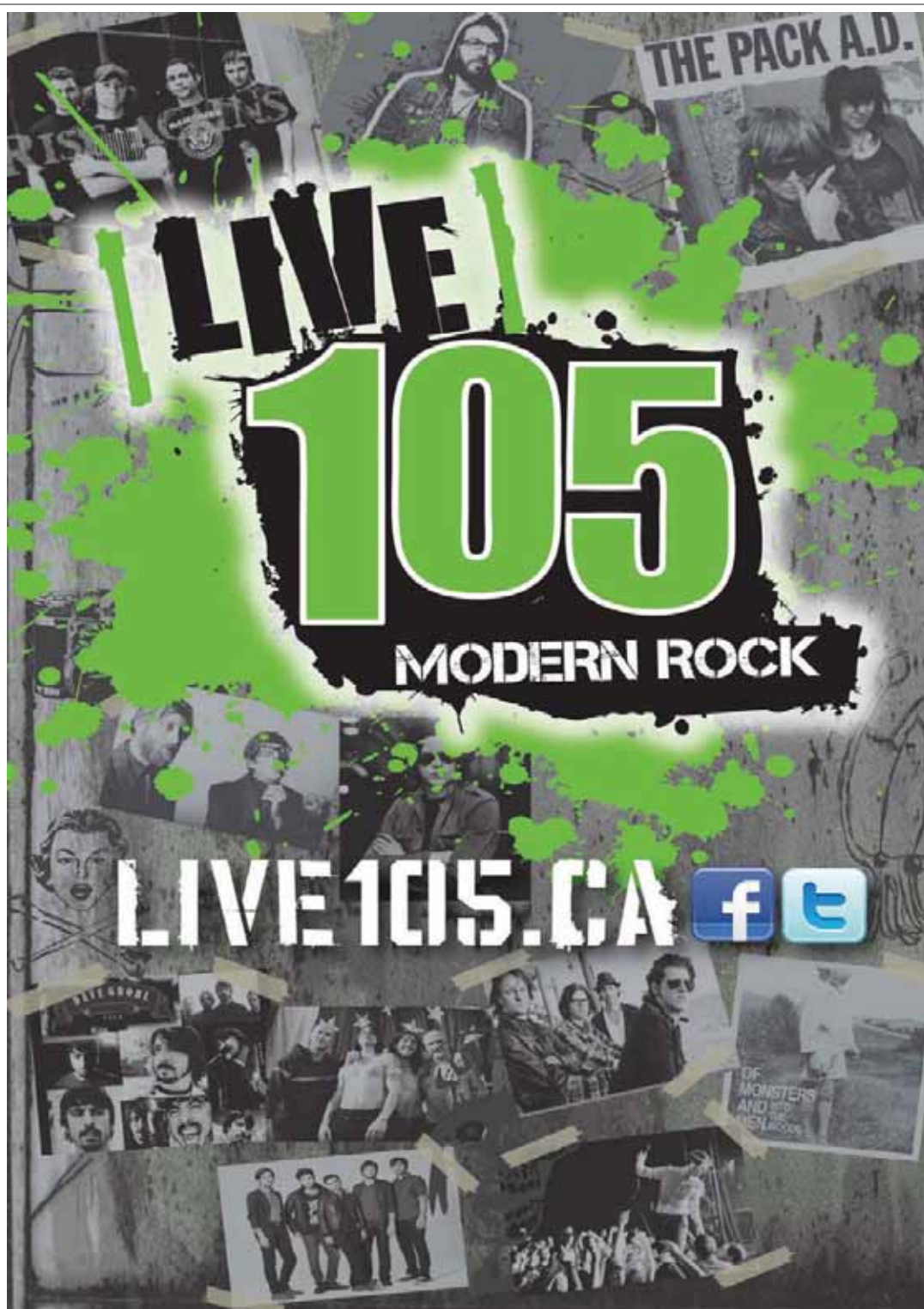
Hockey

Condors Bielieb in star's hockey skills

The Bakersfield Condors believe Justin Bieber is more than a sweet voice with slick dance moves.

The ECHL team has offered the Canadian pop phenom an amateur tryout contract for the upcoming hockey season.

The team said as of Tuesday afternoon there had been no response from Bieber. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Encore: It's just different



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Engine

Getting the Encore up to speed is the responsibility of a 1.4-litre turbocharged, four-cylinder engine that generates 140 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque. Both the Chevrolet Sonic and Cruze also employ this powerplant, which runs on regular gas and not premium.

A six-speed automatic is

the Encore's only available transmission. For this application, a "steeper" first gear helps improve off-the-line performance while a "taller" sixth gear causes the engine to loaf along at lower engine revs at highway speeds for more fuel-efficient operation. Official consumption numbers aren't out just yet, but should approach the Cruze's 7.2/4.6 city/highway l/100 km rating.



A six-speed automatic transmission and turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder are standard.

Quiet ride

The cabin has a feature called "active noise cancellation." The system uses ceiling-mounted microphones that detect offending droning sounds. A special computer then creates counteracting sound waves through the audio-system speakers. It's a system that's commonly found on more expensive vehicles.

2013 Buick Encore

- **Type:** Four-door, front/all-wheel-drive compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (140).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 7.2/4.9 (est.).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$23,000 (est.).

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Generally, an encore follows a great performance. In Buick terms, that could mean the Verano or the Regal, but both of those are sedans, while the new Encore is a small tall wagon.

OK, we can just hear the quips now, likely involving an Enclave wagon that has been left in the dryer a little too long. However, the Encore is a uniquely practical vehicle that can hold lots of gear and can hold its own in the horsepower and fuel-consumption departments. Also adding to its versatility is the availability of all-wheel-drive.

The fact that it approximates a scaled-down version

of the Enclave is far from being a bad thing. From its oval-shaped "waterfall" grille to the tip of its two-tone bumper, the Encore features a neat blend of stylish design cues with just a hint of ruggedness. That should help broaden the car's appeal to buyers much younger than Buick's traditional core audience.

The Encore is based on the same platform used by Buick's Verano sedan plus Chevrolet's Cruze and Sonic small cars. However, it's about 18 centimetres longer and 13 centimetres taller than the Sonic hatchback, thereby giving it far more cargo room with the rear seat in place or folded flat. Not as much room back there as a Hyundai Tucson or even a Toyota Matrix, but the front passenger seat does fold flat so that longer items such as ladders, hockey sticks and building materials can be accommodated.

With its diminutive size, crisp styling and clever interior packaging, this is one Encore that has been long overdue.



A ladder? The Encore is a small ride that hauls big-and-tall stuff when the front passenger seat is folded flat. For perspective, it doesn't have quite as much room as a Hyundai Tucson.



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Common Issues

Jimmy was affected by a number of well-documented problems that shoppers should be aware of. Several concern the durability of components like wheel hub bearings, suspension, steering and brakes. Have all of these items inspected by a mechanic before your purchase. Ensure the 4x4 system is able to switch between its various drive modes. A sensor or actuator motor may be to blame if it isn't. Also, any harsh shifting or 'slippage' from the automatic transmission should be taken as cause to move to another candidate.

Watch the fuel gauge to ensure it's not fluctuating rapidly while you drive. This could be the sign of a bad sending unit or fuel pump.

Engine



All models were powered by GM's 4.3-litre, 190-horsepower V6 which could be attached to a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

What Owners Like



Owners like the truck-based feeling of toughness, capability and comfort. Most enjoy adequate performance from the 4.3-litre V6 engine. Towing capacity and looks are also highly rated.

What Owners Dislike



Fuel mileage, at-hand storage facilities, leg-room and cornering abilities are among the most poorly-rated attributes reported by Jimmy owners.

Verdict

Reliability and trouble-free operation don't come off as the Jimmy's strongest assets. Capability and low purchase costs will be the biggest draws. A newer model with a mechanical thumbs-up is your safest bet.



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But maybe you're thinking there's something not quite right about walking into a dealership and buying a brand new EV or PHEV. Maybe it gives you a funny feeling like Captain Rex Kramer had in the movie *Airplane!* You know, when he goes into the control tower to coach the inexperienced Ted Striker to land the plane, and a control tower operator asks him if they should turn on the search lights to make things easier, and Kramer says, after a few moments of thought,

"No, it's just what they'll be expecting us to do."

In the same vein, you could do your own "180" and convert an old gasoline car over to electricity.

You could take something like a 1983 Porsche 944, rip out its gasoline-powered engine and related paraphernalia, and replace them with an electric motor, controller and batteries. You could do the same with a 1985 Jaguar XJ6.

You could pick any vehicle actually, but I picked those two specific models, because there happens to be actual examples of them recently converted over to electric drive. I met them, and their respective owners, at last weekend's EV Fest Electric Vehicle Show in Toronto.

Brian Kirk's white Porsche currently looks like a science experiment, but that's intentional. He would ultimately like his company, Singular Motion EV, to be in the business of converting customer cars over to electricity; the Porsche is essentially his calling card and real-life slide show on how one goes about



This Porsche is electric, thanks to Brian Kirk, pictured in photo at right, and Graham Lambert of Singular Motion EV. Their motto: Drive fast, drive green! CONTRIBUTED

electrifying a previously gas-powered automobile.

He has over \$20,000 invested in it already, and apparently it's fast — faster even than the original gasoline version.

"We wanted to prove the point that electric cars are not slow," says Kirk, adding that acceleration from a dead stop

is "phenomenal."

"That's our reason for starting the company. We thought other people should be enjoying this as well."

He feels the current crop of EVs from the majors leaves a lot to be desired, when it comes to styling and performance options. He contends that conversion not only gives

you limitless vehicle options, it also might save a perfectly good car body from dying in the scrap yard.

Don Singh's electric Jaguar has a similar cottage-industry look to the conversion. He too is able to convert cars and supply parts for potential customers (through his company, Epic Car Conversions). He says



the Jaguar is currently both a test bed and an "office on wheels."

For others contemplating the jump, he would advise picking a "light" vehicle, to get more bang for your battery buck.

Whatever you pick, just make sure you plug it in. Brian Kirk failed to top up the Porsche before making the run from his base in Newmarket to the EV show at Toronto's Brickworks. He ran out of juice about five kilometres from the show. The CAA towed him the rest of the way.

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Acura ILX

With a growing appeal for efficiency and affordability in a premium-car wrapper, it makes a whole lot of sense for Acura to add the ILX as a lower-cost point of entry into this brand. The premium compact ILX can actually be had in a gasoline-electric hybrid derivative, making it the first such vehicle to carry the Acura name.

Expect most ILX buyers to opt for the traditional 2.4-litre four-cylinder paired with a conventional automatic transmission, all in a thinly veiled spinoff of parent Honda's Civic Si.

From door handles, sharper styling and more cabin comfort, the ILX features some subtle differences from the Civic, but the platform is similar.

2

Chevrolet Spark

Chevy is touting the Spark as "the driving solution for city living" in the manufacturer's hope that this stylish and affordable entry will clobber the micro-car market.

Small on size but big on technology and creature comforts, one of the Spark's greatest features is its ability to slide into tight parking spaces where few cars have gone before. Ten standard airbags also offer safety assurance in a small vehicle.

The 1.2-litre four-cylinder engine delivers about 6.0 l/100 km on the highway.

3

Subaru BRZ

It's billed as a collaborative effort between Subaru and Toyota that carries characteristics of each brand. Subaru's 2.0-litre engine is at the heart of both, however. Interestingly, the fuel-injection is designed by Toyota. Rather rev-happy, it's rated at an even 200 horsepower. Manual and automatic transmissions are offered, each with six ratios.

Subaru's advertised vision for the BRZ is to bring "superior steering response" with the power of rear-wheel-drive and the balance of a sports car. The rear-drive layout — a first for Subie — and the relative lightweight of 2,690 pounds (1,220 kilograms) should help to reach that performance goal, along with a centre of gravity that's only at knee height.

SRT Viper

Back by popular demand — for a fifth generation — the 2013 SRT Viper no longer carries the Dodge logo. What did make it this time around is the V10 engine displacing 8.4 litres and cranking out 640 horsepower.

A true world-class two-seat sports car now — zero to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) in the mid-three-second range — the previous Viper chassis has been stiffened with an obvious X-brace under the hood. Carbon fibre in hood construction, high-end in-car technology and a 10-centimetre extension of the cockpit are just a few features added to this budget-busting machine that should start at about \$120,000. Launch control, a full suite of electronics and a finely tailored interior all get the nod.



Cadillac ATS

This General Motors division has come around to the idea that bigger isn't always better, so it developed the ATS to try and find a place alongside the top sporty compact sedans such as the BMW 3-series.

The ATS is not simply a cut-down version of the larger CTS. Lead designer Dave Leone's vision for the ATS partnered a light and compact body, with the power of rear- and all-wheel drive, along

with a front strut suspension — much like that of the BMW 3-series — to improve steering performance over the CTS.

The ATS offers three engine types: the entry-level 2.5-litre four-cylinder; a 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbo; and the attack-style 3.6-litre V6 rated at 321 horsepower.

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March 21 - April 20

You are under a lot of pressure at the moment, but how much of it comes from other people and how much of it comes from yourself? Maybe you need to be a bit more relaxed about the world.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't plan anything strenuous for today because you need to relax, both physically and mentally. You may be a Taurus and more robust than most but you still need some down time now and again.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If there is someone you want to say sorry to then now is the ideal time. Venus in the communications area of your chart will make it easy to connect on both an emotional and a mental level.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You have a great deal going for you at the moment, so stop being so critical of yourself. Stand back from everyday events and see your life from a higher and wider perspective. It's actually a pretty picture.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Take life at an easygoing pace and ignore those who say you should be pushing yourself harder. There comes a point where what you put in is more than what you get out. You are near that point now.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you lack enthusiasm for what you are about to do, you will most likely make a poor job of it, so why not postpone it or even give up on it? You're allowed to change your mind you know.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may want to outshine your rivals and competitors but the planets warn that that may not be possible today. It's always a mistake to compare yourself to other people. It's a sure way to drive yourself mad.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You know something that others do not, something that gives you an edge. Whatever that something is, you must be careful how and when you use it. Knowledge is power, so don't reveal it too quickly.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Friends and colleagues are aware of what you can do, so don't waste time trying to prove yourself. The important thing is not that others feel good about you but that you feel good about yourself. Do you?

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If there is someone you want to impress, now is the time to speak up and let them know what you can do. But don't exaggerate your achievements to prove what a wonderful person you are. They know already.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Take your foot off the gas and take life at a more enjoyable pace. You don't have to work twice as hard and move twice as fast as everyone else. This is one of those days when less means more.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Those around you will respond better to kindness than coercion today. Also, if you can find it in your heart to forgive someone else's sins today they are more likely to forgive your sins tomorrow. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Island, Water, Rockers, More Water

Across

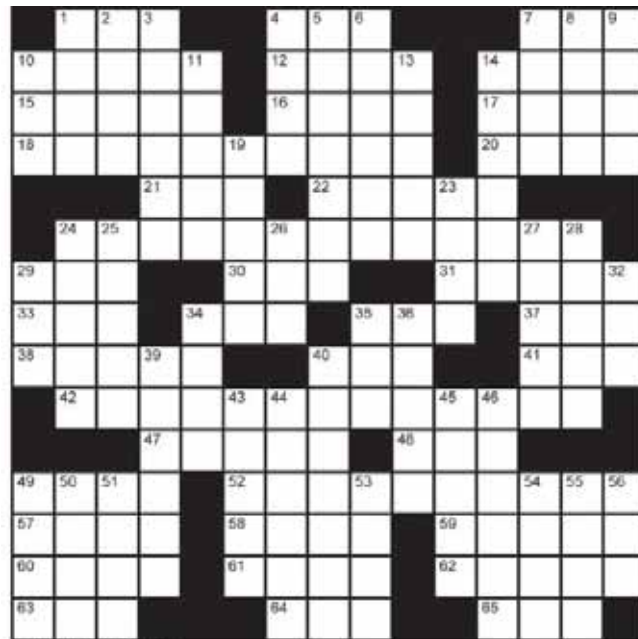
1. Windsor product
4. Volcanic fallout
7. "You're it!" game
10. Building usually without a 13th floor
12. Borscht vegetable
14. Flooring material
15. "Lord, ___?": Last Super question (3 wds.)
16. Tomb Raider Croft
17. Prayer ending
18. ___ Island: the NE fifth of Nova Scotia (2 wds.)
20. "Mmm-hmm" (2 wds.)
21. Sink clog remover
22. Put together in make-shift fashion (2 wds.)
24. It's to Canada's east (2 wds.)
29. Former Pan Am rival
30. Open, as a keg
31. Airtight farm storage buildings
33. Acorn dropper
34. Hearing organ
35. Sum up
37. "A girl" or "a boy" preceder
38. Give up
40. *The Simpsons* bartender
41. Chomped
42. Rock band from Kingston, Ontario, that has received numerous Canadian Music awards, including 14 Juno Awards (2 wds.), with "The"
47. Assembly of church officials
48. ATM charge
49. Autumn colors
52. Ontario, Superior, et al.

(2 wds.)

57. One of 52-Across
58. Thor's dad
59. Ctrl-P in many programs
60. Biggest problems of some celebrities
61. Ripped
62. Dispatches
63. Controversial hockey commentator Cherry
64. Scottish "no"
65. Hi-___: sharply detailed, as a monitor

Down

1. ___ Nostra
2. "Take ___ from me ...": "Heed this advice" (2 wds.)
3. Give another account of
4. Adequately skilled
5. Voyage on 24-Across (2 wds.)
6. Intrepid
7. Canada's quintessential coffee and donut place, familiarly
8. Downwind
9. DNA carrier
10. What not to say when taking a sobriety test
11. Tripoli's land
13. Ballroom dance for two
14. Nationalist Republic of China capital
19. Hertz ___-Car
23. Southern California univ.
24. Anticipate



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25. "Care" or "risk" follower
26. Carcinogenic cigarette smoke ingredient
27. A suspect may have one down pat
28. A dissatisfied diner may opt to leave this (2 wds.)
29. Play (with)
32. Former faster-than-sound jet: initialism
34. Boldly unconventional
35. "You've Got Mail!" ISP
36. Blue and white pottery named for a city in Holland
39. Damsels
40. Amber-colored Portuguese dessert wine
43. Bar of gold
44. Chicken ___ bleu
45. Sharp barks
46. One who listens
49. Bassoon or clarinet
50. As a result, in logic
51. Singer Celine
53. PEI's Green Gables girl
54. Cows, archaically
55. Finishes
56. Rds.

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